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THE QUARRY BAY OUTRAGE.  
Prisoners Sent For Trial.

Before Mr. Hazeland at the Magis-  
trate this morning the Chinese detained  
in connection with the outrage at Quarry  
Bay, were charged with attempting to  
strangle Alexander Carmichael and with  
breaking into the "Joss-house" with the  
intention of committing a felony.

Mr. Carmichael whose head bore  
obvious traces of conflict, said the "Joss-  
house" in which he lived at Quarry  
Bay was so-called because a Chinese joss-  
house lay directly behind it. On Satur-  
day night he went to sleep about 9.30  
p.m. and about 2 a.m. he suddenly awoke  
feeling a man's hand closing about his  
throat. He endeavored to shout but  
three men held him down on the bed.  
He tried to get at a spittoon which was  
on the right side of the bed but was  
unable to do so. He struggled violently  
and the defendants hit him on the head.  
He next remembered an Indian watch-  
man coming into the room and he saw  
the men arrested. One of the men tried  
to put a cloth over him. The gang (pro-  
duced) and who he knew nothing about.

The Indian watchman at the Sugar  
Refinery said he heard cries proceeding  
from the "Joss-house" and he pro-  
ceeded there, on his way making a com-  
plaint. There had been a big struggle  
in the house and complainant was lying  
on his bed with the men standing over  
him. He and his companion jumped at  
the two first defendants and the third  
attempted to escape when an Indian con-  
stable entered the room and seized him.

Corroborative evidence was given.  
Dr. Koch said that when Carmichael  
was admitted to the Government Civil  
Hospital he had a number of scratches  
about the front of the neck and upper  
chest. The right side of the face was  
bruised and swollen. There were two  
cuts on the scalp above the right ear and  
other injuries. Witness's impression  
was that the scratches were caused by  
finger nails. The wounds on the scalp  
were caused by something sharp.

Defendants were sent for trial, the  
Magistrate remarking that six months  
was not enough for the offence.

## UNDER WHICH FLAG?

German Shareholders of  
"British" Company.

Judgment was given by Sir Samuel  
Evans, in the Naval Prize Court, in the  
case of two German ships—the sailing  
vessel *Tanna* and the schooner *Rother* and  
—seized as prizes immediately after the  
declaration of war.

According to the case for the Crown, the  
German owners, signing themselves  
"Nordkraft," a telegraphic name, wired to  
the Sugar Fodder Co. (Ltd.), an English  
company on August 1, offering to sell the  
vessel for £25,000. The offer was accepted,  
and the Sugar Fodder Co. at once com-  
municated with the Admiralty, offering to  
sell the vessel for £12,000, but this was  
not accepted.

Mr. Carl F. Gunther, of Blackheath, the  
managing director of the Sugar Fodder Co.,  
gave further evidence, explaining that he  
wrote to the German company that he  
thought it better to have the vessels flying  
a neutral flag in the event of war. At that  
time he did not expect that England would  
participate in the war.

Mr. Loring, K.C., for the Sugar Fodder  
Co., replying to the President, said he  
agreed that it did seem odd that a British  
company composed entirely of foreigners  
should be allowed to own a fleet of ships  
under the British flag.

Sir Samuel Evans held that the Crown  
had a right to seize the vessels as they  
were flying the German flag, and he also  
came to the conclusion that the transfer  
was not valid and bona fide. The object  
of the transfer was, in his opinion, to defeat  
the rights of a belligerent when war, even  
though it was not an actual fact, was  
imminent. The ships remained, for all  
purposes of the Prize Court, German  
vessels. The German and the English  
companies were intimately connected, and  
in the English company there was not a  
shareholder of British nationality. He  
therefore adjudged that the vessels were  
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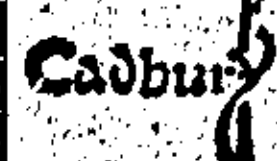
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## HOW THE NORTHAMPTONS WON THROUGH.

Thrilling Incident of Alsace Battle.

One of the many thrilling incidents

which occurred during the long Battle

of the Rivers will be remembered to the

credit of the Northamptonshire Regi-

ment. Remarkable doggedness and re-

sources were shown by the detachment,

who played the central part in this

little war drama.

Three officers—one captain and two

subalterns—and about 150 men of the

regiment had to entrench themselves by

the roadside some distance in advance of

the main body. In front of this band was

a German entrenchment containing from

400 to 500 men; only a turnip field, about

250 yards in width, separating the two

forces. For five days the British had to

remain in their trench, which was knee-

deep in water, draining in from the road.

THE CAPTAIN'S DEATH.

Neither British nor Germans dared to

make a show above ground, as picked shots

were ever alert. One day the captain

showed himself for a moment on the sky-

line from the British trench, the next he

fell dead. On another occasion one of his

two subalterns received severe wounds, to

which he ultimately succumbed. A

subaltern of less than a year's service was

thus left alone in the charge. Ague made

his appearance in the Northamptonshire

trench, and the British, together with men

wounded, sadly reduced the numbers of

effective combatants.

At length, came the climax. The fore-

unaware, of course, of the strength of their

opponents—put up their rifles and arms in

the hope of surrendering. The

English subalterns left his trench to meet

the enemy. A private advanced, but the

subaltern demanded that an officer should

come forward. The private retired, only to

be replaced by another private. Again this

request in peremptory tones—came the re-

quest for an officer. A captain then ap-

peared, accompanied by a sergeant and a

private.

CHANGED HIS MIND.

"You are my prisoner," said the English

officer. "No," replied the German captain,

"you are my prisoner!"

By this time the German officer had

been able to obtain a glimpse at the English

trench, and he thought that, although

the original intention was to surrender,

the Germans, seeing that the opposing

numbers were so few, altered his mind and

gave a signal to his men on the field. These

immediately began to push forward.

The English subaltern, upon being

threatened by a German from the trench

officer, quickly realized the situation, and

shot him dead with his revolver. He

died similarly with the sergeant; then

the private threw himself into the fray.

A rough and tumble ensued between the

subaltern and the private, shots rang out

from the Germans in the field, and the

subaltern lost consciousness. Two shots

passed through the upper portion of his

cap, a third drove the regimental badge of

his cap against his forehead, stunning

him, and a fourth wounded him in the

shoulder.

The German passed forward to the

trench, and when on the parapet suddenly

opened fire on our men at point blank

range. A mile followed. Of the 400

Germans about 300 were killed, some at

the point of the bayonet, while others were

moved down by a machine gun.

THE FINAL SURRENDER.

It transpired that the machine-gun de-

tachment of the Queen's Regiment had

been watching the affair from some high

distance away on one of the flanks, and

realizing the situation, took a hand in it.

The remaining one hundred Germans sur-

rendered to a detachment of the Cold-

stream Guards.

Of the men of the Northamptonshire

Regiment who played so prominent a part

in the five days' drama, there were left

at the conclusion but eight sound men and

one wounded who were fit to fight.

## JUDICIAL HUMOUR.

## STORIES FROM THE BENCH.

Recollections of an Irish Judge.

The Observer reviews a new book—

"Recollections of an Irish Judge: Press,

Bar and Parliament," by J. M. McD.

Bodkin, K.C. It says—

We have heard before of humorous

Judges, but certainly no Judge has ever

packed so many facets into the square

foot of print as Judge M'Donnell Bodkin

does in this breezy volume of reminis-

cences. Anecdotes of all manner of per-

sons, from the King of Connaught (the

author is a Galway man) to Mr. Roose-

velt and Mr. Martin Harvey, from one

in bewildering succession; and it is only

in rare instances that one learns any-

thing of the author's majestic progress

to Parliament and the Bench by way of

the Four Courts and United Ireland.

Assuredly not many men of his time can

have missed fewer persons worth know-

ing. Father Healy, of course, has the

chapter which he is bound to have in

any well-conducted Irish autobio-

graphy—

"On another occasion he asked a

priest to assist him in some special cere-

monial. The priest excused himself,

saying he knew little about ceremonies."

"My dear fellow," said Father Healy,

"you do not know less than I do."

"I am sure to lose myself," said the

priest.

"No one can be lost in my church,"

retorted Father Healy.

On the whole, the legal atmosphere

prevails, and the Dublin Courts pro-

vide a fine budget of anecdotes.

"Will you kindly tell me," the Judge

broke out, if you have any authority for

your contention?"

Counsel was at once startled into

directness.

"Yes, my Lord, the point has been

expressly decided by your Lordship's

Court."

"Decided by this Court? Why did

you not mention that before? Was the

Court constituted then as now?"

"Old Fraser laid his brief on the

table, adjusted his spectacles, and look-

ing the bewildered Judge solemnly in

the face he addressed him in tones of

supernatural gravity:

"No, my Lord. Since the not dis-

tant day when the momentous decision

was pronounced, two of your Lordship's

venerable and venerated predecessors on

that seat of justice have departed from

this scene of terrestrial sorrow to regions

of heavenly glory. There, seated on

throne of gold, and clad in robes of

spotless white, they sing everlasting

hallelujahs in a never ending chorus

which blisful society, I trust, it will be

long before your Lordship is called upon

to join."

No less generous a gift of rhetoric

was that of the late Judge Webb, who,

as counsel, once applied, on behalf of

Peter Mulligan, for a license for a public

house—

"He is very young for so responsible

a position," quoth the Recorder.

Dr. Webb instantly rose to the oc-

casion.

"My Lord," he said, "Alexander the

Great at twenty-two years of age had

crushed the Hyraxes and razed the

City of Thebes to the ground. He

crossed the Hellespont at the head of

his army, had conquered Darius with a

force of a million in the battles of Issus

and brought the great Persian Empire

under his sway. At twenty-three, Bene-

dictus evolved a new system of philo-

sophy. At twenty-four Pitt was Prime

Minister of the British Empire, on whose

dominion the sun never sets. At twenty







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## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE PROGRESS OF  
THE WAR.LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE  
AND BELGIUM.THE KING HONOURS  
GENERAL SIR JOHN FRENCH.

GERMANY'S DEMANDS FROM BELGIUM.

REVIEW OF THE BATTLE OF YPRES.

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH HONOURED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.  
His Majesty the King personally conferred the Order of Merit upon General Sir John French.

LATEST NEWS FROM FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

LONDON, Dec. 6, 4.55 p.m.

A Paris *communiqué* states that near the ferryman house, recently captured from the Germans, our heavy artillery destroyed a small German fort. The enemy endeavoured in vain to retake Woldendrecht. There was absolute calm over the remainder of the northern battle front, and also on the Aisne. Our heavy artillery was most active in Champagne, replying successfully to and beating the enemy's batteries sapping operations continue in the Argonne district, where we continue to advance slowly, repelling all the German attacks. We have also made progress south-west of Varennes, where the German artillery has been reduced to silence. Nothing noteworthy to report from the remainder of the front.

OTHER COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, Dec. 5, 12.50 a.m.

The Paris evening *communiqué* says:—  
No notable incident occurred on the whole front.  
On the Right Wing we advanced in the vicinity of Altkirch.  
From information received on the 2nd inst., we took 991 prisoners in the northern region alone.

5.25 p.m.

Today's Paris *communiqué* says:—  
Northward of Ypres we made appreciable progress. Our infantry, attacking at daybreak, carried in a single charge two lines of trenches, gaining 500 metres and retaining part of the village of Wildendrecht, near Langemarck.  
We also captured the ferryman's house on the right bank of the Canal, half-way between Dixmude and Ypres. The possession of the house has been keenly disputed for a month.  
The enemy attempted unsuccessfully to compel us to evacuate it. We captured ground by a violent bombardment.  
There has been intermittent cannonading in the region of Arras and Champagne, and a most intense bombardment at Rheims. Our artillery destroyed several of the enemy's earthworks.  
Hot fighting continues in Argonne. We captured trenches and repulsed all counter attacks.  
There is nothing to report in Lorraine and Alsace.

LONDON, Dec. 6, 1.00 a.m.  
The evening *communiqué* issued at Paris states that the same activity continued in Belgium on Saturday as on Friday. The French consolidated their position north of the ferryman's house, captured on Friday. Elsewhere there was nothing important to report.

THE ENEMY'S STRATEGY A FAILURE.

German Officers Pessimistic.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

A narrative from the Eye-witness at Headquarters says that the 26th to the 28th November were the quietest days experienced for weeks. Though generally inactive, the Germans continued to press on one quarter, where the Indians were stationed. On the 27th the enemy succeeded in occupying a portion of a trench on our right by sapping close up to it and assaulting it amidst a shower of bombs. They were, however, soon ejected. On the morning of the 28th, a German battery was discovered left out in the open, probably due to the failure of an attempt to move it in the night. Our guns did not fail to take advantage of the exposed position. A German unsupported attack on the French on our left was easily repulsed, the enemy losing 400 killed, and many prisoners.

Captured German officers are now changing their tone; they admit the failure of German strategy, and take a gloomy view of the future. During the last few days there has been a notable cessation in the booming of the heavy guns, and viewed as a whole the scene is almost one of peace compared with a week ago. The fighting has again assumed the character of siege operations. Both sides have had time to dig themselves in. Having failed to break the Allies' line by frontal attacks, the enemy in some quarters are adopting siege methods.

REVIEW OF THE FIGHTING IN NORTH BELGIUM.

Germans Loss 120,000 At Ypres.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

An official Army Bulletin published in Paris, reviewing the war since the beginning, states:—

After General Joffre took the offensive on the 5th September the Germans still hoped to turn the French left, while we hoped to turn their right; hence there was a race to the sea. The German movement failed, despite the advantage of a concentric front, and the Allies were able to create and maintain the barrier of the Yser. Here for three weeks 12 German Army Corps assisted by four Cavalry Divisions delivered repeated furious attacks in obedience to the Kaiser's behest to reach Calais or pierce the line at Ypres. We did not yield an inch of ground, and established ourselves immovably.

The battle of Ypres cost the Germans 120,000 men.  
Our forces are now as large as at the beginning of the campaign, and the quality of the troops have enormously improved. All are profoundly convinced of their superiority over the enemy and of eventual victory, while the Germans have sustained checks of far-reaching consequences, exhausted their reserves, and their troops are now badly officered and trained.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

THE FIGHTING AT LODZ.

Reported Entrance Of The Germans.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 3.10 a.m.

It is officially announced in Berlin that the Germans occupied Lodz on Sunday afternoon, and that the Russians are retreating after severe losses.

[Lodz is a town in Russia-Poland with a population of 395,070.—Ed.]

THE BRITISH ARMY GROWING.

An Omnipotent Outlook For Germany.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 2.30 a.m.

Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., in the course of a speech in London, said the one army on the Continent which was, month by month, growing bigger was the British Army. He confidently believed that early next year we should have a sufficient force on the Continent to turn the tide and sweep out of Belgium the forces of the enemy that had devastated it, Germany before many weeks might experience an invasion.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 2.30 a.m.

The Paris evening official bulletin states that there is nothing to report.

LOYAL IRELAND.

Large Numbers of Irishmen Serving.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 2.30 a.m.

Mr. Redmond, M.P., in the course of a speech at Tuam, quoted official figures showing that on November 30 there were 89,000 Irishmen with the Colours, including 52,000 Catholics on active service, and excluding thousands who were recruiting in Great Britain and with the forces of the Dominions. When war broke out 53,889 Irishmen enlisted, including 16,412 Nationalist Volunteers. Moreover an Irish Brigade would shortly be completed, named entirely by Irishmen who would wear the word "Ireland" on their cap badge.

(Official Telegrams from the British Foreign Office.)

LONDON, Dec. 4, 12.15 a.m.

GERMANY'S DEMANDS FROM BELGIUM.

The German Government of Brussels has demanded from Belgium a monthly payment of 35 million francs towards the upkeep of the Army of occupation in that country, and a War Indemnity of 975 million francs.

HIGH PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS IN GERMANY.

The *Vorwaerts* makes interesting disclosures in regard to the prices of various food stuffs in Germany. There are no maximum prices fixed for rice, beans, peas, etc., and prices have risen enormously. The price of rice has more than doubled since July. The price per ton of peas (£12 10s. to £15 in July) ranged in October from £37.10s. to £45.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY'S ECONOMIC CONDITION.

After a period of six weeks the Austro-Hungarian War Loan of 160 million pounds is half subscribed. This failure shows the economic condition of the Dual Monarchy, which is almost at the end of its resources. A further loan would be impossible, as the people have already given all they possess. This is in striking contrast to the conditions in England, where a loan of 350 millions was over-subscribed in six days.

THE CAPTURE OF DE WET.

De Wet, the chief leader of the rebels in South Africa, was surrounded and captured with a commando of 32 at Waterburg by Commando Brits.

(Through Haras Agency.)

AMERICAN AMBASSADOR'S ADMIRATION FOR THE FRENCH ARMY.

LONDON, Dec. 4, 7.00 p.m.

The new Ambassador of the United States to Paris, when presenting his credentials, expressed his admiration of the patriotism and bravery of the French Army. He said that he wished peace would be reached in a short time.

FRANCE'S DETERMINATION.

President Poincaré replied that France was brutally attacked, and is determined to obtain full reparation for the violation of her rights, and to secure herself against aggression in the future.

THE KING RETURNS TO LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

H.M. King George has returned to London from the front.

At the meeting of King George and the King of Belgium on Friday King George invested King Albert with the Order of the Garter.

BRITISH AND BELGIAN MONARCHS MEET IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 5, 7.50 p.m.

The Kings of Great Britain and Belgium had a most cordial meeting in France. Their Majesties engaged in an earnest friendly talk, reviewed the troops, and afterwards dined together.

THE SIEGE OF ANTWERP.

Part Played By The Naval Brigades.

LONDON, Dec. 4, 11.25 p.m.

A despatch from Field-Marshal Sir John French to the Admiralty on the Naval Brigades which assisted in the defence of Antwerp, declares that they were handled by General Paris with great skill and boldness. Sir John French says that although the fortress was not saved, the Marines certainly delayed the enemy for a considerable time, and enabled the Belgian Army to withdraw. They destroyed war material and ammunition which would have been of great value to the enemy. The Belgians afterwards proved a valuable asset to the Allies on the Yser. The moral effect on the Belgian Army of this desperate attempt to succour them was of great value to their use and efficiency.

THE RUSSIAN OPERATIONS IN POLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 5, 5.55 p.m.

A Petrograd official *communiqué* states:—  
"There was obstinate fighting on Thursday on the Glinno-Lowicz front, also on the roads towards Lodz and Piotrkow."

AT THE EASTERN THEATRE.

Russians Scatter A German Column.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

An official *communiqué* issued at Petrograd says:—  
On Friday night our armored columns dashed into a German column on the Fabianitz-Lask road in the darkness and scattered it with gun and machine-gun fire, inflicting heavy losses.

TURKS FLEE BEFORE THE RUSSIANS.

In the Caucasus the Russians have taken Sarai and Kasikali, the Turks fleeing, after a desperate resistance, in the direction of Van, abandoning many prisoners and wounded.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PEARL HARBOUR DRY-DOCK TO  
BE COMPLETED.

LONDON, Dec. 3.

A Washington despatch states that the contract has been signed for the completion of the Naval Dry-Dock at Pearl Harbour (near Honolulu), Hawaiian Islands, on which work has been discontinued for two years.

GENERAL KELLY'S SON'S  
WOUNDS.

Major General F. H. Kelly, C.B., has received a telegram from the Secretary of War Office, London, stating that Captain M. H. Kelly, R.E., is reported as wounded in the right shoulder, hand and leg by a hand grenade. His condition was improving on the 3rd December.

PROMISSORY NOTE DISPUTE.

Nephew and his Uncle's Money.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) sitting in Summary Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, heard this morning a dispute concerning a sum of \$840.70 the balance of money deposited with a boarding house keeper by one of his boarders, on two promissory notes. The plaintiff (Tsoi Hui-Yan) was, as outlined, by his solicitor, Mr. C. A. S. Russ, was that plaintiff assigned an authority to his nephew, who was employed in the boarding house, to receive the balance of the money after he left the Colony and the money was paid over to this man by defendant. Plaintiff's answer to this defence was that he never gave the authority to his nephew, and in fact specially told the defendant not to trust him. The only question for his Lordship to decide was whether or not plaintiff did give the nephew authority to collect the money. Witnesses were called by Mr. Russ; and also by Mr. Crowther Smith, who represented the defendant. His Lordship discredited the evidence of the nephew and said he could not place much reliance in that given by defendant. If defendant was such a fool as to part with plaintiff's money to a young man who was in the hotel employ, his Lordship added, he must put up with the consequences. He gave judgment for plaintiff with costs.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Col. A.  
Chapman, Y.D.

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The Criterion Bar, Queen's Road, is placed in bounds.

The undermentioned members having joined the Corps are allotted Corps numbers and posted as follows:—Pte. A. Anderson to Civil Service Co. Pte. D. G. McDonald, Pte. A. McDonald to Centre Section M. G. Co. Pte. V. F. D'Asevedo to Right Section M. G. Co. Sapper B. Lillie to Engineer Company.

TRANSFERS.

Sgt.-Major R. C. Wittell from Centre Section M. G. Co. to Right Section M. G. Co. dated 7.12.14.

PARADES.

Parades for to-morrow Tuesday 8th inst.

6.15 a.m., No. 2 Section Artillery Battery, 10 Dr. Gun Drill. Remainder under Company Officers.

6.15 p.m., Musketry Practice under Company Officers. Records under an Inspector S. M. Colley, D.O.L.L. will attend.

DETAILS.

On duty, No. 2 Section Artillery, Left Section and Centre Section M. G. Co. Officers on duty, Capt. Scott, Lieut. Rees and Lieut. Wright.

Trinity Officer, Lieut. Rees.

To furnish Guard tonight, Left Section M. G. Co.; to-morrow, No. 3 Section Artillery Battery.

Orderly Sergeant to-night, Sergt. Bullock; to-morrow, Corp. Dandan.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER  
RESERVE.

Orders by Major Wakeman, O.C.H.K.Y.R.

FIELD DAY.

One of the Maps used on December 6th in making and in the possession of any Member should be returned to Major Wakeman at once.

PARADES.

N.C.O.'s on the Cricket ground at 5.15 p.m. on December 8th.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Companies in Drill on the Cricket ground at 5.15 p.m. on December 11th.

Additional Signallers are required and a new class of instruction will be started for any men willing to join, names should be sent in to the Adjutant.

Pay and allowances due must be drawn on Thursday December 10th between 5 and 6 p.m. at the Land Office.

BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

The Government Gazette publishes the returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th November, 1914, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks, as follows:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Austral and China	\$ 5,024,536	\$ 5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	24,422,406	17,500,000
Meikong Bank	1,143,543	800,000
Meikong Bank Ltd.	1,143,543	800,000
Total	\$31,591,228	\$23,300,000
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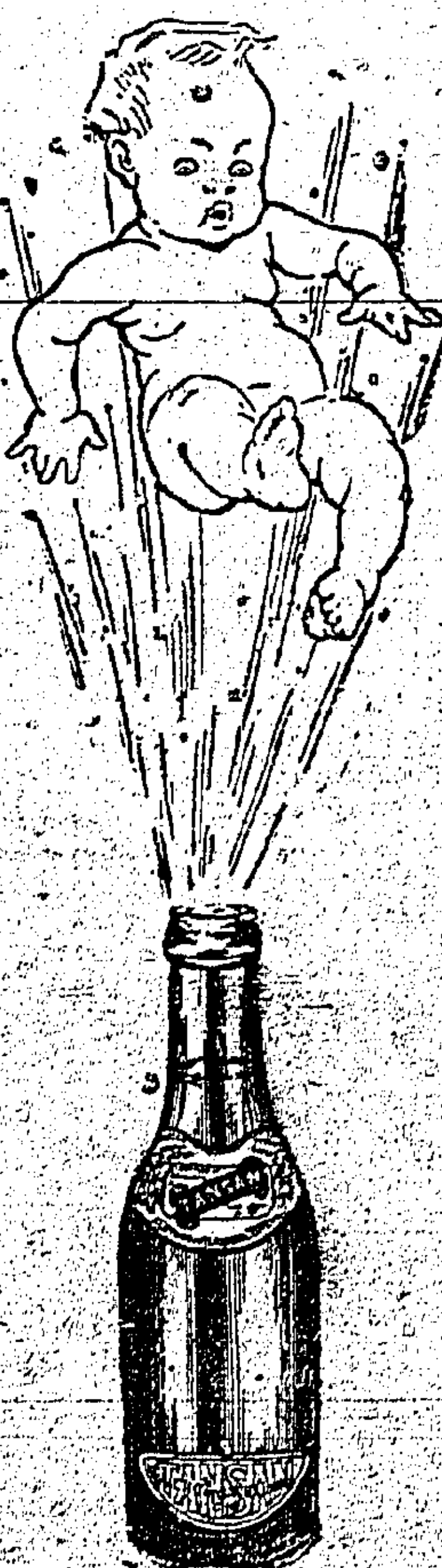
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